Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Otto Theodore Mueller and Anna Katherine Hofmann exchanged their wedding vows on February 11, 1935, at the courthouse in Forsyth, Montana, on their way from Anna's home in Worden, Montana, to Otto's home near Java, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Otto and Anna Mueller gave life and love to six children: Marvin, Marlene, Shirley, Marjorie, Eloise, and Susan, and they, in turn, blessed their parents with 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, and growing; and,

Whereas, Otto and Anna rented their first home, then purchased a farm 3 miles north of Java where they farmed until retirement in 1974, at which time they moved into Java and continue to reside; and,

Whereas, Otto served as a Walworth County Commissioner, and they are both members of St. Paul Lutheran Church where they have served on numerous boards and committees; and,

Whereas, Anna's special talents include crocheting, quilting, rug-making, baking, and sewing; Otto's talents include creating rocking horses, doll cribs, hall trees, and other wooden items from recycled wood, and they both enjoy playing cards and reading; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Otto and Anna have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Otto and Anna will observe their 70th wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather at the Main Street Café at Bowdle to honor them on Saturday, February 12, 2005, to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of these two people who have lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2005, as

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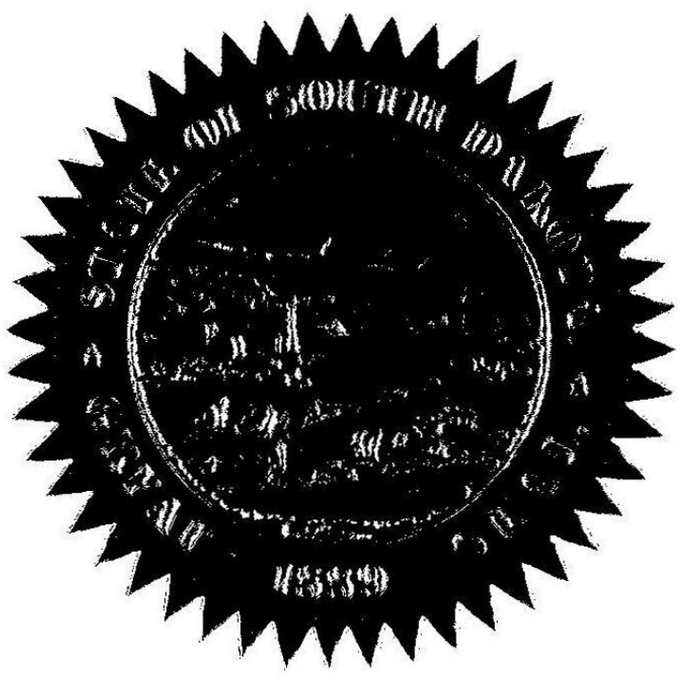
in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State